

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: **NOVEL EXPRESSION VECTOR SUITABLE FOR EXPRESSION
OF RECOMBINANT PROTEIN AT LOW TEMPERATURE**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this document.